

Study Number: TPF-5(154)

Study Title: Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) from the American Community Survey

Period: October through December 2009

This project is coordinated with AASHTO's overall project for the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) using data from the American Community Survey.

Administrative and General:

The CTPP Oversight Board met on November 12, 2009 via teleconference. Two new subcommittees were established: one on data archiving and one on research. FHWA and AASHTO staff have begun looking for companies that can design web-based training materials.

Technical assistance is provided via telephone, email, and web-based meetings on an on-going basis.

3-year CTPP:

AASHTO has contracted with Beyond 2020 (and Citygate GIS) for the CTPP data access software system (Note: this is not work performed under The Pooled Fund project)

The 3-year CTPP data are expected to be delivered by the Census Bureau to AASHTO in summer 2010. The programmers in the ACS Office (ACSO) are working on the tabulation and CB, FHWA, and Beyond 2020 met to discuss data formatting issues on December 22. The CB JTW and Migration staff, and the CS technical assistance staff are developing a plan for data quality checking to review the 3-year CTPP data before it is delivered to Beyond 2020.

5-year CTPP:

Census Bureau staff and their contractor, Phil Salopek continue their work on workplace allocation that is necessary for the 5-year CTPP for tabulation at the TAZ level.

The initial TAZ software requirements were delivered to the Census Bureau in November. A draft of the TAZ software requirements was posted to the CTPP listserv to obtain feedback from the larger community. Final requirements will be submitted to the Census Bureau in February 2010. State DOTs were requested to complete a spreadsheet that assigns which agency will be responsible for delineating TAZs in each county. TAZ delineation is optional. The list will be compiled and sent to re-review and revisions in Fall 2010, so the Census Bureau can deliver TAZ software to the appropriate agency in early 2011.

NCHRP 08-79 "Producing Transportation Data Products from the American Community Survey that Comply with Disclosure." The panel met on November 13, and NCHRP is in the contracting process with the selected vendor. This project is on a short timeframe, as we hope that the results can be applied to the 2006-2010 ACS data for use in the 5-year CTPP. (Note: this is not work performed under The Pooled Fund project, but it is directly related)

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